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For: THRUST NEEDLE ROLLER BEARING, SUPPORT STRUCTURE RECEIVING THRUST LOAD OF COMPRESSOR FOR CAR AIR-CONDITIONER, SUPPORT STRUCTURE RECEIVING THRUST LOAD OF AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, SUPPORT STRUCTURE FOR CONTINUOUSLY VARIABLE TRANSMISSION, AND .. TRANSMISSION

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Sir:

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the above identified application and readily available to the Examiner. Therefore it is believed that Applicants have met all requirements regarding duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56. Acknowledgement and consideration of these documents are respectfully requested.

However, to ensure that these references are available to the Examiner, we are providing copies of these references herewith. Since the Search Report was from the JPO search authority, copies of these references should have been supplied to the USPTO under the trilateral agreement and are believed to be in the file of the above identified application and readily available to the Examiner.

The relevance of **JP 2002-70872 A** and **JP 2003-156050 A**, is discussed in the present specification.

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